REMARKS

In the January 28, 2005 Office Action, Claims 7-16 and Claims 26-37 were allowed. In addition, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 17 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dersch (U.S. 564,976). The Examiner rejected Claims 3, 5, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dersch in view of Nankivell (U.S. 3,712,024). Claims 38 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dersch.

Claims 4, 6, 19, 24 and 25 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in a dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, claims 4, 6, 19 and 24 have been so amended.

In summary, the present claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons given herein. As such, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the application, with an early and favorable decision being solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be expedited; the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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